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Muhammadan education.-

Recording notes relating to the admission of Muhammadan students in Government colleges and the question regarding the raising of the status of the Madrasa-i-Azam to that of a College.

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Subject.

The Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India.

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The Objects of the Association are—

(1) To devise means for disseminating Higher Education among Mohammedans and to promote the study of Urdu, Persian and Arabic.

(2) To arrange for imparting religious instruction side by side with secular education.

(3) To help poor but intelligent and deserving students with scholarships, books, school-fees, etc.

(4) To impress on the minds of the Mohammedan public, by means of lectures, tracts and social gatherings, the necessity for imparting Western Education to their children.

NOTE—This Association maintains a Hostel for Muslim students at 9, Singappa Nalok Street, near the old Municipal Buildings. It maintains Religious Instruction classes at the Madras—A. C. M. Road, and at the Mohammedan Girls' School, Mylapore. gives 15 to 20 scholarships every year.

Admission of Members:

Rule 2.—All persons of any nationality or creed interested in Mohammedan Education shall be eligible to become members on payment in advance, of a monthly subscription of Rs. 8. Minimum monthly subscription for Mofussil Members is Rs. 4 only.

No. 2843



Madras, 11th September 1916
C.N. 330888
13.9.16

To,

The Secretary to Government

Educational Department,

Madras, Coimbatore.

Sir,

We are directed by the Executive Committee of the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India to forward the enclosed Resolutions for the favour of the consideration of the Government.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

A. Hameed Hasan

Mir Zynuddin

Honorary Secretaries.



Resolutions.

As a number of Mussalman holders of S.S.L.C. Certificates did not get, in the year 1916, admission to the Junior Intermediate classes in spite of their having been declared eligible for admission to the University Course, this Association resolves that the Government of Madras will be requested to direct the Principals of the Government and the Aided Colleges to set apart a certain number of seats in the Junior Intermediate and the Junior B.A. classes to which Mussalman students should be given preference.

2. This Association is of opinion that the time has arrived that the Madarasa-e-Azam should be raised to the status of a First Grade College and that, at present, Intermediate classes should be opened there.

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1. That this Association has recently received complaints from various quarters that the Principals of the Government and some of the Aided Colleges in this Presidency have refused admission to Mussalman students who have been declared eligible for the Intermediate ^{Course} ~~course~~ on the ground that they have not secured high marks in the S.S.L.C. Examination and also to the students who have passed the University Intermediate Examination on the ground that their names did not appear in the first half of the list of the successful candidates. This has caused great hardship to many students and is a matter of grave concern to the community. The Mussalman students in this Presidency are placed in circumstances of special difficulties with regard to their securing higher education. Persian and Urdu, the languages selected by most of them, are taught only in a few colleges and it is only in such colleges that, generally speaking, the Muhammadan students seek admission. If such of them as are declared eligible or have passed the Intermediate Examination are not freely admitted into these colleges as the result of the present state of development of higher education in the community, it will be most unfortunate from every point of view.

2. The Association is seriously apprehensive that if the present state of things continue for any time, it will ~~be~~ soon stop the growth of education in the community and the efforts that the leaders of the community in this Presidency and the Government have been making to spread higher education among the Muhammadans will be nullified.

3. This Association, therefore, respectfully but most emphatically urges upon the Government the necessity for adopting all appropriate and effective measures in order to remove the artificial obstacles placed in their way of obtaining higher education. The Association begs to suggest that in the Government and the Aided colleges a certain number of seats be set apart in the Junior Intermediate and the Junior B.A. classes, to which Muhammadan

students should be given preference.

4. That the Association understands that an order to a similar effect has been issued with respect to the Medical college and this Association feels extremely gratified grateful to the Government for the order. But it is well known to the Government that the number of Arts Graduates in the Muhammadan community is extremely inadequate for various special and technical service generally. For instance, it is difficult to secure Muhammadan Graduates in sufficient numbers for the profession of Teaching Engineering, Law, and many branches of public service such as the Judicial service, Forest, Agricultural, etc.

5. This Association begs to bring to the notice of the Government that the non-admission of Muhammadan students in several of the colleges has caused acute disappointment to the Muhammadans of this Presidency and it will be not only the gracious but extremely politic act on the part of the Government to remove the present difficulties from the paths of the Muhammadan students.

6. The Association ventures, in this connection, to impress upon the Government the fact that the time has come that the Madrasa-e-Azam should be raised to the status of a first grade college.

7. This Association submits that a beginning might well be made now by establishing the Intermediate classes in the Madrasa-e-Azam. Such an institution is sure to prove useful and will be an additional boon to the Muhammadans of this Presidency, whose status in the matter of higher education, as the Government itself has pointed out from time to time, is still so unsatisfactory.

8. This Association which has been now for some time endeavouring to help in spreading higher education in the community, will be very glad to render such assistance and co-operation in solving the question regarding the admission of Muhammadan students to the Junior Intermediate and B.A. classes as lies within its power if the Government desires to avail itself of such assistance.

9. This Association, in conclusion, invites the kind attention of the Government of Madras, to the Resolution of the Govern-

It has been
ascertained
from the
Medical
Students that
no such order
has been issued
by the Government
of Madras

(P) Government of Bengal on certain questions connected with Muhamma-
dan education, published in the Calcutta Gazette dated 9th August
1916, especially dealing with the Collegiate Education: " As in
the case of High schools, the Governor in council is prepared to
reserve a definite proportion of places in Government colleges
for Muhammadan students, and he accepts the suggestion that the
ratio should be 25 per cent, which will ~~be~~ for the present be re-
garded as a minimum and be liable to modification from time to time.
He will further consider whether similar action can be taken to
ensure that Muhammadan students will be regarded as having a pre-
ferential claim to vacancies in aided colleges up to the same
limit." vide page 938.

A. Hameed Hasan
M. Z. Mulla
H. J. S. S. S.

Home
(Edin.)

Lo. 3308.

Lalgar No. 3308-1
ms 22.9.16

To

The Secy., Muhammadan
Educational Association of
Southwest India.

Sir,

I am delighted to

acknowledge the receipt
of the Resolutions passed by

the Muhammadan Educational
Association of Southwest

India, forwarded with your

Letter No. 2843/G.2/ the 11th

Sept: 1916.

I have the

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C.No.3308,

From the Secretary to the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India, No.2843/S., dated the 11th September 1916.

Subject.

Resolutions of the Association relating to Muhammadan Education.

Of the two requests of the Muhammadan Educational Association, the first, viz., that Principals of Government and aided colleges may be directed to reserve a specified number of seats for Muhammadan pupils, is not altogether new. A similar Resolution was passed at the All India Muhammadan Educational Conference held at Nagpur in December 1910, and on that occasion it was noted that, so far as this Presidency was concerned, there were no cases of admission having been refused in any educational institutions to Muhammadans and that there was therefore no necessity to fix the number of Muhammadan students in any particular class.

2. It is now brought to notice that a certain number of Mussalman holders of secondary school leaving certificates did not get, in the current year, admission to the Junior Intermediate class.

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It is doubtful whether the Government can take any action in the direction suggested on a general statement of this kind. Supposing that colleges are induced to set apart a few seats for Mussalmans, it may not always happen that such students avail themselves of the seats reserved and, in that case, students of other communities who would otherwise have been admitted would be inconvenienced. This request appears therefore to be impracticable.

3. The next request of the Association is that the Madrasa-i-Azam should be raised to the status of a first grade college, and that at present Intermediate classes should be opened there. The necessity for a separate college for Muhammadans is not very clear. The Madrasa-i-Azam is mainly for the benefit of the Madras Muhammadans and there are many colleges in Madras where Muhammadan pupils can get admission with at least as much facility as the other classes of the population. It is not likely that colleges would refuse admission to Muhammadans because they happen to belong to that community.

4. In the above circumstances it is for consideration whether a report from the Director of Public Instruction should be called for. The

Issue.

P.R.

Issued as letter

No.3308-1, dated
the 22-9-16.

E.A.V.
16-9-16.

N.K.
20-9-16.

The communication may be acknowledged. The draft acknowledgment below is submitted for approval.

Submitted that the Director of Public Instruction may be requested u.o. to offer his remarks on the resolutions of the Association.

C.R.
21-9-16.

D.P.I. u.o.

P.R.
22-9-16.

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23-9-16.

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction.

U.O.No.192/16, dated the 14-11-16.

As regards admissions to colleges I have the figures for all the Government colleges, and I find that no Muhammadans were refused admission except to the Presidency College.

Admissions of all classes of students to this college are much in defect of applications, but a larger proportion of Muhammadans than of Hindus was admitted, 16 out of 36 of the former as against 328 out of 933 of the latter.

The Principal explains the reason for rejection as follows:--

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"In all cases Muhammadan applications for admission were considered in the light of our general principles e.g. the student's capacity and progress as shown by his performance in the examination (Secondary School Leaving Certificate or Intermediate), his choice of subject, age etc. But at the same time the relatively backward state of Muhammadan education was borne in mind and they were not expected to exhibit as high a standard as Hindus". The last fact accounts ^{for} the difference of proportion to applicants between Muhammadan and Hindu admissions. It would be very inconvenient to reserve a fixed number of places in the college for Muhammadans, if only because it would be impossible to know how many would be wanted. Out of the 16 selected for admission this year 5 did not join the college. It is for consideration, however, whether, since Government colleges are the only ones in which Muhammadans can be sure of fee concessions, the Presidency and other Government colleges ought not to admit a still larger proportion of applicants, all in fact against whom no strong reason for exclusion could be adduced.

Judging from the number of Muhammadans qualifical

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to enter on college courses there does not seem any great need for a college for them, but this argument might have been used to prevent the opening of the women's college. It is quite conceivable that the raising of the ^{Madressa} ~~Madrasa~~ to a college would have a stimulating effect on Muhammadan education, very much greater than any calculation of possible students for it would lead us to anticipate. I think the question might be further examined when funds are available. Ample college accommodation could be provided in the Madressa compound.

J.H.S.
14-11-16.

Home (Education) Department.

The Director while conceding that it would be very inconvenient to reserve a fixed number of places in Government Colleges for Muhammadans raises the question whether, in view of the fact that Government Colleges are the only institutions in which Muhammadans can be sure of fee concessions, the Presidency and other Government Colleges might not admit a still larger proportion of applicants - all in fact against whom no strong reason for exclusion could be adduced. In paragraph 3 of their letter No. 585-595 Education, dated the 3rd

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April 1913, the Government of India drew attention to the desirability of reserving a certain number of vacancies for Muhammadan pupils in institutions which, by reason of their reputation, draw many applicants for admission. The Government of Bengal have also ordered that 25 per cent. of the places in Government Colleges in that Presidency should be reserved for Muhammadan students. But in Bengal Muhammadans form more than one half of the total population, whereas in the Madras Presidency, their proportion is 6.6 per cent.

2. Besides, the figures given in the Director's note do not appear to justify the laying down of a hard and fast rule. The concession if granted will very soon be claimed by Uriyas and other backward classes also, and it will be hard to resist the extension of the concession to special institutions e.g. Law, Medical and Engineering Colleges.

3. The Government cannot apparently force private institutions to show special concession to Muhammadans and the request of the Association so far as these institutions are concerned will have to be vetoed.

4. As pointed out by the Director of Public

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Instruction the present is not a suitable time to consider the question of raising the status of the Madrasa-i-Azam to that of a college. It will have to be deferred till the financial situation improves.

5. Orders are requested whether any special instructions should issue in the matter of the admission of Muhammadan pupils into Government Arts Colleges as proposed by the Director.

N.K.
30-11-16.

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The note of the D.P.S. (page 365) states the position clearly in regard to both the requests. As there may be some doubt, that the Com. accept his views generally; and it may be left to him

Box 6
enc 11/12/16
held 12-12-16

to frame and submit
proposals officially - after
Consulting heads of colleges
in the case of the first -
requests and after
considering the financial
situation in regard to
the second.

MR
9/12/16.

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12.12.16.



A draft d.o. to the Honble Mr Stone is
submitted below for approval.

MR
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Home (Edn) Deptt.

3308-3 dy 19.12.16

Dear Stone,

Please refer to your Un-official note of the 14th November 1916 on certain Resolutions passed by the Muhammadan Educational Association of -- Southern India. The Government accept generally your views on the points raised. You may after consulting the heads of colleges, frame and submit officially proposals in regard to the admission of Muhammadan students in ^{Madrasi} institutions. As regards the other question, ~~the~~ the raising of the status of the Madrasa-i-Azam to that of a college, you may submit officially any recommendations you may have to make after ^{due} ^{attention} ~~carefully~~ considering the financial situation.

To

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., C.I.E.
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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THE OLD COLLEGE,
Nungambakam, 5th February
1917

D.O. No. 702

My dear Diwan Bahadur,

Referring to your D. O. No. 3308-3
dated 19th December 1916 regarding admission of

Muhammadan students into Government Colleges, I
have to state that I have consulted the Principals
of Government Colleges and that having considered
their replies I think that nothing more is needed
at present than to tell them that the claims of
Muhammadans to admission should receive very special

consideration in view of the fact that only in that
way can the concession of half-fees be secured to them
in need of it. I am further of opinion that the
publication of special rules on the subject would
be injudicious and that when the Islamiah College
at Vaniyambadi comes into existence the question



will be less pressing.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. S. S.

To

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. Rajagopala Achariyar A.V.,

C.I.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Home Department, Education,

M A D R A S.

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9/13

House (E.S.) Sep 14

The D.P.'s suggestion ^{on 6/10 before} in regard to the admission of Muhammedan Students into Govt. ~~into~~ Colleges may, it is submitted, be accepted. He will ~~offer~~ ^{presumably} submit any proposals he may have to make in regard to the raising of the status of the Madrasa-i Azam to that of a College after the financial situation improves. The question moreover is not very pressing ^{now} in view of the fact that the Muhammedan Ed. Association of Southern India intends to open a College for Muhammedans at Vairamudi.

2. The following draft d.o. to the D.P. is for approval:-

~~Dear Mr. Stone.~~

No. 3308/16-4

9/17

Dear Sir

In reply to your d.o. to the Honble P. Rajagopala Achariyar No. 15 of the 5th Feb 1917 I am desired to say that the Govt. approve of the instructions that you propose to issue to the Heads of Govt. Colleges in regard to the admission therein of Muhammedan Students

The Honble Mr. J. H. Stone
M.A. C.I.E. to D.P.

Yours sincerely

CP
17/11/17

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It seems very doubtful whether the

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Stamrad College will come into existence.

However that was not apparent the
devising in this case. ~~Warranted that the~~~~Stamrad College will come into existence~~ Plan No. 1G.O. 1416 p. 12. 16 & that last development -
Ed. H.

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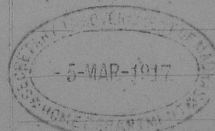
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Plan in the Stone's D.O. (p p 10-11 refer).

The 8. P. 1 '4 views may be concerned in.

Ed. H.

2.3.17



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